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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>
	10/061,949	LA SCALA, AMEDEO
	Examiner A. M. Thompson	Art Unit 2825

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**Status**

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 August 2004.
- 2a) This action is FINAL.                            2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:
  1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
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## DETAILED ACTION

### ***Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114***

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 18 August 2004 has been entered.
2. Applicant's after-final amendment to 10/061,949 has been entered and examined. Claims 1, 2-5, 7, 9 and 14 are amended. Claims 1-17 are pending.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

### **Rejection of claims 1-17**

4. Claims 1-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Whetsel, U.S. Patent 5,054,024. Whetsel discloses a system scan path architecture with a remote bus controller.
5. Pursuant to claims 1, 5, and 9 and 14 which recite a process, system and method, respectively, for management of a Test Access Port Function in a plurality of components arranged on a single chip (Fig. 1, col. 3, ll. 43-46). . .using at least one

further signal in a shared way between TAP functions (see Fig. 4, where TMS is shared; see also Fig. 9); generating a clock signal for each component of the plurality of components using a dedicated clock generator for each clock signal (col. 22. ll. 2-11); selectively driving the TAP functions of the plurality of components with the respective clock (TCK is the respective dedicated clock, see also Fig. 2, #74).

6. Pursuant to claims 2, 6, 10, 11 and 15 comprising associating a pull-down function (Fig. 2; col. 2, ll. 56-68) with said respective clock generator.
7. Pursuant to claim 3, 7, 12, 16 wherein a common line is provided for application of each clock signal to the TAP functions (see Fig. 9, TCK).
8. Pursuant to claim 4, 8, 13, and 17 comprising the operation of generating each clock signal on board a single chip (Fig. 2, #74).

***Remarks***

9. Examiner hereby acknowledges the Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form and requests that Applicant's representative follow up via a phone call to schedule such interview at a mutually convenient time.

***Conclusion***

10. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Please reference the PTO-892 for a complete listing.  
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications should be directed to Examiner A.M. Thompson whose telephone number is (571) 272-1909. The Examiner can usually be reached Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m..

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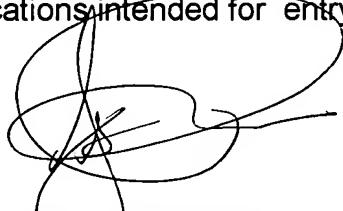
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